



Naunton Area Residents' Association

Agenda – 2023/4 AGM Monday January 29th Exmouth Arms 7pm.

1. Apologies

Graeme Adams, Martin Mordecai, Heather & Derek Cole, Jenny Marrison, Elise Forbes.

Present

Chair: Derek Scarborough (DS), Treasurer: Richard James (RJ), Secretary: Lucy Dodswell (LD), Membership Secretary: Karen Scarborough (KS), Lorelei Symes (LS), Jill Douglas (JD), Beth & Martin Lytton (BL & ML), Jane Seward (JS), Lucy Adams (LA), Virginia Pawlyn (VP), Rita Dodsworth (RD).

2. Previous Minutes

Were accepted.

3. Chair's Report – Derek Scarborough

Chair reported on a relatively quiet year with what has become the “usual” Newsletter, Christmas, Christmas card, Christmas Concert, and Advent windows organised, these events raising £207 on the night which together with the money in the box and the Just Giving page realised £323.

Building on “History on the Triangle” last year, NARA participated in the National Heritage Open Days event, staging an exhibition in Emmanuel Church, which was self-financed by sponsors.

It was notable how much of an all-round effort these events were in that 31 people were involved in the Heritage effort and 21 involved in the Christmas Concert. It is estimated that around 300 people attended the event.

4. Treasurer's Report – Richard James (balance sheet appended to these minutes)

RJ commented that although funds had declined, this was partially due to the accounts covering a 13 month period and covering expenditure for 2 Christmases. The next accounts will reflect a 12 month period.

A renewal quote of £290 for The £5M Public Liability Insurance prompted a search for an alternative supplier resulting in new quotes of £260 and £161.56. The latter quote was accepted from agents Simply Business (ultimately underwritten by Ecclesiastical). Policy copy attached.

Santa's DBS registration has been renewed.

5. Membership Report – Karen Scarborough (details appended to these minutes)

Following discussion of membership fees, VP suggested a minimum payment: DS reminded committee it had changed rates at previous meeting: RJ proposed an increase to £4 & £6 for single and family membership. This was duly adopted.

[LD to amend membership form on website](#)

It was agreed that “membership due” reminders be posted on Facebook, the noticeboard, in the next newsletter., and by email. ([LD](#), [DS](#) & [KD](#) respectively)

Welcome to the area leaflet be delivered wherever new residents are known.

6. Election of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Secretary

All of the above were willing to continue in post and were proposed and elected en bloc.

7. Planning Applications

None to review

8. Christmas Activities

Advent Windows.

This year for the first time the organisation of Advent Windows was organised by LD via NARAs' Facebook page (previously KS organised door to door).

Pros: Less labour intensive and easier to organise

Cons: Participation was down by 50% + doorstep opportunity for membership renewal lost.



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Christmas Card

LD had designed a postcard featuring a Triangle winter scene and ordered 600 Christmas cards which were delivered by volunteers.

DS thanked LD for all her hard work organising cards and Advent Windows.

Carol Concert

DS thanked everyone for their help

RL for her providing ingredients and making over 60 excellent mince pies.

Cape Homes (particularly Mark Holland) for providing barriers.

David at Burger King for funding the non-alcoholic mulled wine.

Colin & Jane of Roots & Fruits for donating the tree.

The Carol Concert was well attended although the donations to the box and on the night were less at £326 (last year just over £500).

[JD to investigate a portable card payment machine.](#)

9. The Triangle

The mower for The Triangle requires changing as the battery has degraded and is obsolete.

[New purchase options to be reviewed by DS](#)

[LD to post a request on Swap & Share](#)

Christmas Tree Stand had been "strained" by lads swinging on tree. [Rope to be dispensed with next year.](#)

Lock on box difficult to open: New lock to be purchased and keys given to different people.

[DS to purchase new lock for Collection Box.](#)

The Christmas lights had proved to be unreliable. RD volunteered to undertake that the lights were tested, to ensure next year's lights were operated correctly.

[KS suggested Collection Box could be used as an ideas box.](#)

10. Litter Picks

DS commented on how these provided a positive opportunity to engage with the public.

[LD to publicise litter pick on Facebook and Naunton Swap & Share in preceding week.](#)

[DS to request return of Litter Pick equipment out on loan from people who do not participate in Litter picks.](#)

11. Defibrillator

The next Defib Training session is on Tuesday 13th February, 2024 at Leckhampton Village hall at 7 p.m. Booking is recommended at info@leckhamptonvillagehall.co.uk or Tina on 01243 243035 or DS on 07828 068 947.

[DS to email members and create poster for display on SPJARA, Exmouth and NARA Notice Board](#)

Post Meeting Note: A poster was supplied to The Fiore Lounge as they have a defib outside their premises.

12. History Events

NARA have been invited by Stuart Manton, Local Historian and Curator of the Southtown website, (<https://www.cheltenhamouthtown.org/>) to participate in a wider event encompassing Tivoli, The Suffolks and SPJARA.

[DS to report back when more details are known.](#)



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13. 2024 Events?

Following discussion concerning future events a Fete in conjunction with Emmanuel Church was proposed.

DS invited everyone to submit ideas for themes or stalls and volunteer to undertake responsibility to organise event.

DS to liaise with Emmanuel Church with regard to the possibility of holding such an event.

14. Newsletter

Topics for next newsletter:

Request for volunteers to water The Triangle

Thanks for Salvation Army donations

Details of upcoming History Event

Details of possible Fete?

Membership reminder

15. A.O.B

i). At the last meeting JH of Hermitage Street informed committee of rats infesting the area. In discussion the following points emerged:

This had been an issue last year in Langdon Road and was resolved by speaking collectively to people and distributing Rat poison boxes to a number of residents.

A recent approach to a private company resulted in a quote of £145 to investigate.

ii). In response to a question from LS asking if we had received a reply to the letter sent to the Civic Society regarding funding, DS said we had had no response whatsoever.



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Treasurers Report Jan 29th 2024

	Income	Exp	Balance
Balance b/f Jan 1 st 2023			£2,359.78
Membership	253.00		
Donations & Other	146.00		
Sundry Receipts	115.55		
Web hosting		35.00	
XMAS 2022		182.90	
Planting		90.92	
DBS for Santa 2023		18.00	
Xmas Cards 2023		34.39	
Salvation Army		116.00	
XMAS 2023		86.51	
PLI		161.56	
Totals for Period	514.55	725.28	
Balance January 29th 2024			£2,149.05



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Membership Report

No.	Household vs Single	Totals
19	£3	£57
28	£5	£140
4	other	£30
51		£227

No.	Standing Order vs Cash	Totals
45.00	S/O	£197
6.00	Cash	£30
51.00		£227

Overall drop in membership =23

5 new members

2 cash existing members expire Feb 24:-£15?

2 households left area.

Impact of change in Advent procedure?



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Issue date: 01 December 2023

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Company name	The Naunton Residents' Association
Policy number	ECNP4279810XB
Trade/Not for profit	Residents association (Not For Profit)
Public liability	up to £5,000,000
Employers liability	up to £10,000,000
Policy start date	08 December 2023
Policy end date	07 December 2024

David Summers
Group CEO, Simply Business

